

# *The Liturgy of the Word in Christmas & Epiphanytide*

Opening Acclamation *Please stand.*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy,  
and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever & ever.**

Collect for Purity

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

The Te Deum

*People* **We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels,  
all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim,  
sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
The glorious company  
of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship  
of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army  
of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the  
holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty  
unbounded,  
your true and only Son,  
worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
advocate and guide.  
You, Christ,  
are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son  
of the Father.  
When you took our flesh  
to set us free  
you humbly chose  
the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting  
of death**

**and opened the kingdom  
of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated  
at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will  
come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord,  
and help your people,  
bought with the price  
of your own blood,  
and bring us  
with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider continues with the Collect  
found on the day's handout.*

*People* **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

*A non-scriptural reading from the day's Saint may  
be read. The reader concluding,*

*Here ends the reading.*

*A scripture lesson is read, the reader concluding,*

*Hear what the spirit is saying  
to God's people.*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Portion of the Psalter appointed for the day  
is read by all from the day's handout.*

The Holy Gospel *Please stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Deacon reads the selection from the Gospels  
appointed for the day.*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily *Please be seated.*

Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy  
Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence is kept, which the Presider concludes with a collect*

The Lord's Prayer

*Deacon* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is  
in heaven.  
Give us this day  
our daily bread.  
And forgive us  
our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not  
into temptation,  
but deliver us  
from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **God of infinite mercy,  
we thank you for Jesus  
our Savior, our true Mother  
who feeds us  
and gives us eternal life.  
Though we cannot celebrate  
The Holy Eucharist  
at this time,  
we thank you  
that we have received  
the sacrament of  
Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
and all other benefits  
of Christ's passion.  
Grant that we may  
continue for ever  
in the Risen Life  
of our Savior,  
who with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces God's blessing.*

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal, the People responding*

**Thanks be to God.**